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I am concerned that American citizens seek drugs from other countries, mainly because these products are too expensive if purchased here in this country. I am aware that there has been some controversy over whether the imported meds are safe or not and this places people at risk. I think that the government has a responsibility to work to make medications affordable for everyone. This may require contract negotiations for affordable meds, or setting of standards for profit making, but the government is probably the only body that has a large enough purchasing power to mandate access to meds and fair profit so that there is no need to work around the system for purchase of needed medication. Thanks.